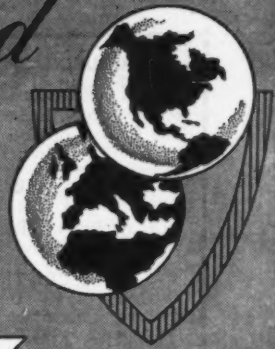


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## MEMORY OF MOTHER

By ELVA HORSMAN

All of life's delusions,  
 Now's one memory pure and true—  
 Eternal love still burning,  
 The thought, dear one, of you.  
 I doubt that God remain-  
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 Within the heart of men,  
 Whose thy memory liveth,  
 Faith's renewed within.  
 Patient hour of suffering,  
 And tender hour of care,  
 Added to your glory,  
 Which shineth over there.  
 Crown is yours, sweet Mother,  
 Won by your loving heart;  
 In glory gleaming,  
 Never to impart  
 Love so pure unselfish,  
 Heaven alone a part!



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My husband to be healed of bad stomach trouble; my sister's home, that God will save her husband and give peace in their home.—Mrs. G. W. Jordan, Dodd City, Texas.

My son to be released from the army; me to be able to work.—Mrs. D. E. Madewell.

The mother and husband of Lula L. Duffell.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Faye Holt, Eubank, Ky.

My mother to be completely healed.—Lizzie Ramsey, Algood, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—M. A. Tate, Pemberton, W. Va.

My son who is dying of cancer; he is a preacher.—Mrs. Fred Lyons, Columbia, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Cordis McClure, Hayesville, N. C.

My unsaved children; the healing of my body; the work of the Lord in this town.—Lana Sexton, Oneida, Tenn.

My husband to be healed of some kind of spells when he sleeps.—Mrs. Randolph Daniels, Chokoloskee, Fla.

The healing of my body; my unsaved husband; my unsaved son.—Beulah S. Kuykendall, Brushy Run, W. Va.

My soul, mind, and body.—Mrs. Violet Busser, Ephrata, Penn.

My son who has just had a serious accident.—Mrs. Bettie Mitchell, Kilmichael, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. V. A. Wilson, Santa Park, Texas.

My husband to be saved.—A Sister, Walhalla, S. C.

A young woman to be saved and healed of cancer.—Mrs. G. M. Flemmons, Moorhead, Miss.

My son to be saved; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Florence Sturn, Statesboro, Ga.

My mother to be healed.—B. H. Pierce, Battle Creek, Mich.

God to heal my son's mind; me.—Mrs. Ambers Phillips, Asheville, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. King Mills, Burgaw, N. C.

The healing of my body.—A Sister, Los Angeles, Calif.

God to heal me of heart trouble.—Grace Wall, Hanover, W. Va.

God to heal me of a serious nervous condition; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my wife to be saved and healed.—Paul E. King, Kingsport, Tenn.

My lungs to be healed.—Bernid Andrews, Alameda, Ga.

My husband and children to be saved.—Mrs. Louise Long, Raeford, N. C.

The baby of Mrs. Jack Griffin to be healed.—Mrs. Sam Cook, Homerville, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Luther Lee, Cullman, Ala.

God to save my father and brothers; my body to be healed.—Mrs. John R. Gouge, Windom, N. C.

The healing of our bodies.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Popejoy, San Francisco, Calif.

My mother who has high blood pressure; my mother-in-law to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. M. B. Barton, Calhoun, Ga.

God to have His way in my daughter's life.—Mrs. Ada Strickland, Clinton, N. C.

The healing of my body; my husband who is in poor health.—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bratcher, Rockport, Ky.

God to heal my husband.—Mrs. James E. Green, Lamar, W. Va.

My aunt to be healed of cancer of the kidney and to receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Hazel Drawdy, Bardsley, Ga.

Me to be healed of head trouble, sugar diabetes, and heart trouble.—Mrs. Robert Parrott, Va.

The healing of my body; my husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Nell Nesmith, Statesboro, Ga.

My husband to be saved and healed; me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Lacey S. Lars, Combs, Ky.

The complete healing of my body.—J. Heath, Talladega, Ala.

A friend to be delivered from the habit of smoking.—Mrs. Ruby Wyatt, Bolt, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—William F. Morrow, Galax, Va.

A church to be organized in Gainesville, Texas.—Irene Colwell, Gainesville, Texas.

The healing of a boy who is deaf and dumb; the complete healing of my body.—A Sister, Amelia, Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Willie Broughs, Buhl, Ala.

My brother to be saved.—Mrs. V. B. Hall.

My children and husband to be saved; my little girl to be healed; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Lillie Bell Jones, Valley Falls, Mo.

## Vital Church Statistics

H. L. CHESSE, General Overseer

We are listing the district and state convention mission offerings for each state for 1947 and 1948, as reported to the General Overseer's office by the state overseers. You can check the totals and see just how much your state increased over the year before.

If we run our district offerings high and let the state convention offerings lag, we deprive our foreign mission program of the progress it should make.

We have fourteen states showing less total mission money in 1948 than in 1947. Let us not forget the great commission given by Jesus, to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. According to the records, our total mission money in 1948, from all sources, was only \$4.58 per capita for our membership in the United States and Canada. In consideration of the need, the opportunity, the ability, and the responsibility, are we doing what we should for lost humanity? Are we devoting too much to the material side of our work, at the expense of the spiritual side? Just a few questions for thought.

Let us consider God's program as Priority Number 1, and keep pushing it forward. There is a great need in the mission fields.

### DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTION MISSION OFFERINGS FOR 1947 AND 1948

As Reported to General Overseer's Office by State Overseers.

	1947 OFFERINGS			1948 OFFERINGS		
	District	State	Total	District	State	Total
Alabama	\$15,075.32	\$ 2,539.65	\$17,615.67	\$16,043.50	\$ 2,082.19	\$18,125.69
Arizona	50.00	981.94	1,031.94		1,312.75	1,312.75
Arkansas	171.89	1,036.86	2,208.75	1,921.45	1,308.00	3,229.45
California	2,669.47	1,315.24	3,984.71	3,027.89	2,130.85	5,158.74
Colorado		150.00	150.00		176.00	176.00
New England		837.31	837.31		1,006.50	1,006.50
Md., Del., D. C.	1,000.00	4,500.00	5,500.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Florida	5,637.02	12,087.48	17,724.50	5,893.59	11,767.18	17,660.77
Georgia	715.38	12,500.00	13,215.38	2,523.90	5,000.00	7,523.90
Idaho		551.78	551.78		546.00	546.00
Illinois	2,739.96	2,800.12	5,540.08	3,480.30	3,041.77	6,522.07
Indiana		2,150.50	2,150.50	918.72	688.90	1,607.62
Iowa		1,833.72	1,833.72		2,050.00	2,050.00
Kansas	1,311.00	664.21	1,975.21	2,377.26	700.00	3,077.26
Kentucky	4,546.20	2,887.63	7,433.83	8,318.36	3,000.00	11,318.36
Louisiana	3,089.18	1,708.26	4,797.44	2,998.13	2,255.94	5,254.07
Michigan	3,253.56	6,101.74	9,355.30	4,149.15	7,345.94	11,495.09
Minnesota		236.00	236.00		378.00	378.00
Mississippi	4,465.77	1,275.62	5,741.39	3,392.78	970.38	4,363.16
Missouri	2,110.91	1,794.18	3,905.09	1,496.23	1,257.54	2,753.77
Montana	550.87	901.29	1,452.16	373.64	1,296.06	1,669.70
New Jersey		244.34	244.34		118.14	118.14
New York		172.58	172.58		129.84	129.84
New Mexico	581.60	1,256.85	1,838.45		2,763.67	2,763.67
Nebraska		347.73	347.73		6,893.69	6,893.69
North Carolina	14,587.86	9,199.03	23,786.89	15,843.54	3,562.68	19,406.22
North Dakota	1,104.44	3,084.42	4,288.86	2,248.68	1,791.34	4,040.02
South Dakota	1,580.84	2,150.51	3,731.35	1,704.00	7,500.00	9,204.00
Ohio	2,412.06	6,649.39	9,061.45	610.49	1,530.93	2,141.42
Oklahoma	1,039.36	1,604.00	2,643.36	1,193.77	486.02	1,680.79
Oregon		729.50	729.50		6,380.55	6,380.55
Pennsylvania	2,058.82	3,402.62	5,461.44	1,945.07	9,255.34	11,199.41
South Carolina	10,316.62	10,148.85	20,465.47	9,935.46	9,606.40	19,541.86
Tennessee	10,000.00	8,303.60	18,303.60	10,000.00	6,987.73	16,987.73
Texas	3,702.89	1,496.93	5,199.82	4,528.96	6,539.41	11,068.37
Virginia	5,050.89	4,525.85	9,576.74	3,251.73	15,212.53	18,464.26
West Virginia	4,473.90	12,121.82	16,595.72	1,074.72		
Wyoming		60.25	60.25			
Central Canada		321.00	321.00		272.00	272.00
Western Canada	1,398.38	1,219.10	2,617.48	479.06	2,765.87	3,244.93



# EDITORIALS

## Dedicated to "Mother Bright"

Written during her sickness at Alabama City, Feb. 12, 1948

By Mrs. J. T. (Nora Bell) Harvey

Soon my journey will be ended,  
My tears of sorrow cease to flow,  
For there'll be no tears in heaven,  
That sweet home to which I'll go.  
Every care will be forgotten  
In the sunshine of His smile;  
Christ Himself I know will greet me,  
When I've traveled my last mile.

Here I've labored for the Master,  
Tried to lift some load of care,  
Tried to lighten someone's burden,  
And their heavy cross to share.  
Now I'm growing old and feeble,  
And my strength is almost gone;  
I'm just waiting for the summons  
And to hear Him say, "Well done."

There'll be no good-byes in heaven,  
Just one glorious happy day;  
No more sickness, no more dying,  
God shall wipe all tears away.  
Here we say "good-bye" to loved ones,  
It seems more than we can bear;  
But we'll see them in the morning  
At that meeting in the air.

## MOTHER BRIGHT (See Cover Picture)

Mrs. Rachel Lou Bright, widow of F. C. Bright, and mother of J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief of the Church of God publications, went to her reward Sunday, March 6, 1948. Sister Bright was born in Madison County, N. C., March 22, 1870. In 1900, she moved to Greenville, S. C., where she lived until 1912. At this time her husband bought a farm twenty miles north of Greenville, where she retained a home until death.

Sister Bright was well known for her outstanding Christian zeal and contributions to the Church. During the lifetime of her husband they gave land and material for a church and cemetery, and, with little help, built a church known as the Terry Creek Holiness Baptist Church. It was later transferred to the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

More than a score of ministers from various denominations attended her funeral and paid their last respects to one who, for many years, had contributed so much toward the promotion of righteousness. According to the testimony of her pastor, Rev. William Cook, there was never a more faithful member. Whenever the doors of the church were opened you could always expect Sister Bright, except when sickness prevented. Her former pastor, Rev. Jasper Kelley, compared her to the woman mentioned in Kings, who prepared a room to entertain the prophet Isaiah so that he might rest as he passed by. For years she had been known and commended by hundreds for her hospitality in entertaining ministers and Christian work-

ers who visited the community. She treated them all alike and showed no partiality, regardless of their denomination. Nothing seemed to be too large or too small for her to do for one of God's servants. Her whole life was devoted to the cause of Christ and her fellow man. Many knew her as Mother Bright, but most of her relatives and friends called her Aunt Lou. No one in the community was loved more by preachers, church members, and non-church members alike than Sister Bright. She was the mother of seven children and the grandmother of thirty-four grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, William Cook; former pastor, Jasper Kelley; and the writer, Zeno C. Tharp. The music was rendered according to her request, by Rev. and Mrs. Rolon Dunn, of Alabama. The body was laid to rest in the Terry Creek Cemetery to await the resurrection unto eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer.

## THE VICTOR'S CROWN Geneva Carroll

In the days of the apostle Paul, the famous Isthmian games were held every fifth year near Corinth. These games were national gatherings, and from far and near people came to view them. They were held in an amphitheatre. In the middle of this building was the arena—a sanded space where the contests took place, and all around were tiers of seats for the onlookers.

The competitors for these games had to fulfill certain requirements. For ten months previous to the date of the contest they had to undergo very severe training. They had many hardships to endure and much fatigue, and they were allowed only certain kinds of food. For the last thirty days they were obliged to attend the exercises at the gymnasium. No competitor could enter the lists unless he could prove that he had fulfilled all these requirements. Often one of the competitors would get his arm broken, or his foot thrown out of joint and be obliged to swallow mouthfuls of dust, receive many stripes, and after all his hardship and trials lose in the race.

There were many different forms of contests—running, wrestling, boxing, etc.—but in each contest there could be only one victor. The winner of the contest was crowned with a garland of pine leaves, and this prize was very much coveted. Perhaps you think that was a very poor reward, but those men were willing to undergo all the months of weary training just to have the chance of winning it, for the victor was greatly honored, and poets would write songs about him.

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth and told them that the Christian life is very much like one of the above-mentioned contests. We have to be just as much in earnest as those competitors. But we have entered a much grander contest, and we are striving for a much better reward. They did it to receive a "corruptible crown," a garland of leaves that soon withered away; but we are promised an "incorruptible crown," a crown that will last for ever and ever. Only one could win in the Corinthian contest, but in the Christian life everyone who runs in the race can win and Paul tells us that the Christian life is the happiest life one can live. Let us strive to win the victor's crown.





Mrs. Ruth Starnes

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity," 1 Tim. 4:12.

The problem of our youth is being discussed from every walk of life. The world recognizes and utilizes the young people of this generation in many fields of endeavor. The accent in this day is upon youth, for men have awakened to the fact that tomorrow's world depends upon today's youth. The future is determined by what is being done now. The type of church, community, or nation we have in the future will depend on the way our young people are being taught today.

The home is where the first and lasting impressions of God and salvation are made upon the child's mind. Here they learn to follow in mother's or daddy's footsteps. Children are creatures of example, and parents are their closest and most logical examples. If we parents walk wrong we need not expect our children to walk any other way. Young people should be our chief concern, for whether we are working with them or watching them, we are always confronted with youth. Environment and inheritance make up a character. Mothers and fathers are planting seed in their children's hearts that will bear fruit in the days to come. If these seed be evil, naturally the fruit is going to be evil.

# The Youth of Our Church

Mrs. Ruth Starnes, Greenwood, S C.

The home, the school, and the church have contributed their part of religious instruction to children through many centuries. The child's faith is cultivated and grows by hearing the Word of God first from its parents. It is alarming today when we think of the children in our own Church of God homes who are unsaved! Oh, that we may win our young people and then teach, train, guide, and help them to be skillful in God's Word at home or in any spiritual gathering, so they may be well acquainted with God and His power; then they will be prepared to meet the challenge of this dispensation. During Old Testament times, the Jews in particular felt this need of child training. The fathers and mothers taught the Scriptures to their children morning and night. They placed portions of Scripture on the doorposts, gateposts and various parts of the building so that the Word of God was before them constantly. Many in those days could not afford their own copy of the Bible; so, much of it was committed to memory and re-taught to the children. The Rabbi was in high esteem by the parents for his training of the children in the synagogue.

You may ask, "Why should the young people have any extra attention?" These are days when the devil is bidding high for their souls. While they are young they are pliable and very responsive. They are responsive not only to training, but to the moving of the Spirit of God. The experiences they have with God while they are young will not only influence them all their life, but will also establish them so they are seldom shaken from these truths. Being young, they have their lives before them, with possible talents that will amount to something if developed. An old man once said, "Young

people are to the church and God's kingdom what a sail is to a sailing vessel. You can unfurl them by carefully encouraging them to let go to God. Then as the wind of the Spirit breathes upon them, they billow forth in exultant and fervent enthusiasm. Their strength and eagerness strain at the moorings; anxious to be doing things, they tug at the cable. You may utilize their strength, power, and spiritual energy if you will but learn to manipulate this sail skillfully. It must be balanced against a cargo of prayer and a ballast of wisdom. Then, with a steady hand at the wheel, you will not capsize your vessel, but rather sail forth to conquer the highest waves triumphantly."

Young people have hidden resources, which, if guided into proper channels, may accomplish great things for God. Gypsy Smith, in his life story, tells of attending the Moody-Sankey revivals in England. He was a red-headed, freckle-faced lad, small for his years and afflicted with an impediment of stuttering. Some folks even called him a half-wit. At the close of a gospel meeting, he slipped up to the platform to get a better look at the preachers. Sankey spied him, called him over and talked with him; then laying his hand on the red head, he prayed, "God, make this boy a great preacher." Gypsy Smith says that from that day he was possessed with but one desire, and that was to be a preacher and soul winner. We know what a powerful witness he became by reading his life story.

What can we do to help our youth? This question is being discussed from almost every walk of life. Different religious organizations are discussing the problem of our youth. There are different programs being worked out. The devil is putting out attractive advertisements to entice them to sin. In many instances the church has failed

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them. It has tried to attract and hold them in service by means other than the old time gospel. Some say we need recreation. Some churches have bowling alleys, supper rooms, socials, etc., when what we really need is to get them to lean on God. 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Many think salvation is only for the older ones. Once a girl was heard to remark that she was sad because of the death of her mother; she said she had always depended on her mother's prayers.

Paul was writing to young Timothy in our text, and he tells Timothy to be an example of the believers. Paul tells him to stir up the gift that is in him. How wonderful it would be if we could stir up the talent that lies latent in our youth! We cannot save our children but we can put a holy atmosphere around them which will encourage and strengthen the faith which God gives them. Paul said the faith first dwelt in Timothy's grandmother Lois, then in his mother Eunice, then in Timothy. Timothy's faith was his own personal faith but his grandmother and mother caused that faith to grow by teaching him the Word of God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

We hear much talk these days about juvenile delinquency and really there is an alarming amount of it. The root of the trouble many times is failure to work and train our young people. Every person reflects the seed that was implanted within his life in his youth. We need to take time to understand our youth, sympathize with them, advise them. Remember, they have temptations that perhaps the older ones never dreamed of having in their young days.

We may ask the question, why take time to work with young people? It has been well said that when you win an elderly person to Christ you have won a soul, but when you win a young person you win a soul plus a life. There is no way of knowing how much good can be accomplished by winning a youth for Christ. I read once of a faithful old minister coming to church early. He was met by one of his deacons, who said, "I came early to meet you. I have something on my mind to say to you, pastor. There must be something radically wrong with your preaching and work. There has been

only one person added to the church in a whole year, and he is only a boy." The pastor was very sad, and said, "I feel it all, but God knows I have tried to do my duty and trust Him for results. I have great hopes for that boy—Robert." Robert Moffat was only a boy then; but years later, an aged missionary returned to London from Africa. His name was spoken with reverence. When he went into an assembly, the people rose; when he spoke in public, there was a deep silence; nobles invited him to their home. Robert Moffat had added a province to the church and brought under the gospel influence the most savage of African chiefs. The old minister has passed on to his reward, but men remember his work because of

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### A YOUTH'S PRAYER "The Upward Road"

*God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
Make me lovely too;  
With Thy Spirit re-create me,  
Make my heart anew.*

*Like Thy springs and running waters,  
Make me crystal pure;  
Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur,  
Make me strong and sure.*

*Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight,  
Make me glad and free;  
Like the straightness of the pine trees  
Let me upright be.*

*Like the arching of the heavens,  
Lift my thoughts above;  
Turn my dreams to noble action—  
Ministries of love.*

*God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
Make me lovely too;  
Keep me ever, by Thy Spirit,  
Pure and strong and true.*

—Mary S. Edgar, Masterpieces of Religious Verse.

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what he was to the boy Robert Moffat, and of what Robert Moffat was to the world.

Dealing with the lives of young people is vital, and one of the most important things in the world. Abraham Lincoln was reared in poverty and with few advantages, as we might term them, for making a great man, but he was given the one thing necessary that must form the foundation for the superstructure of a great life—the Bible. He kept his Bible within reach and read it over and over. His greatest desire was to link his name with something that would redound to the benefit of his fellow men. One of his sayings was, "The only ruler I have is my conscience—following God in it." When he left his home to assume the duties as presi-

dent of the United States, he said that unless God assisted him he would fail.

Susanne Wesley spent a tremendous amount of time training her children in the right manner, taking great care that every advantage in her power to give was theirs. Look what it produced! Seldom does so great a man cross the stage of life as John Wesley or his brother Charles. The patience, time, and diligent work of Susanne Wesley is still bearing fruit.

Who would have thought that the little baby Moses in the bulrush ark was destined to be the great lawgiver and leader of the Hebrew nation? Who would have guessed that little David, the keeper of sheep, would some day be anointed king over Israel? Jeremiah and Samuel both received the call of God at an early age. May we never cease to ask God's guidance in our help to train the youth. There is a responsibility to the youth of our church. Paul said, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers. . . ." The youth should study the Word to show himself an approved workman. God's Word lays an immovable foundation, for Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." The Word of God purifies the life. Psalm 119:9 says, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." The words of Christ give life. John 6:63, ". . . the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." As we study God's Word, we learn more about Him and His plan for our life.

The youth should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Holiness is God's standard for all ages. You who are young have an opportunity to mould your life for God. Do not be deceived by Satan and his devices, but trust God and press forward to higher heights with Him. Be of an humble spirit, and obey Christ who is our leader. Pray without ceasing, for prayer is a mighty weapon against the devil. Do not neglect your spiritual gifts, but press forward by using your talents. J. E. Smith says, "The fairest flower in the garden of creation is a young mind, offering and unfolding itself to the influence of divine wisdom, as the heliotrope turns its sweet blossoms to the sun."

# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
Every Creature

Executive Missions Secretary  
J. H. WALKER

## A World-wide Mission

By REV. G. E. UNDERWOOD

While sitting in my living room, the inspiration of the Spirit came upon me. I began to meditate on the Scriptures, and this verse came to me, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. After this commission has been given to the Church by Jesus, we who have been called into the ministerial work have a great responsibility upon us, and not only the ministers have the responsibility to see that every creature hears the Gospel, but the Church in general. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:14, 15. Jesus gives the commission again to the Church in Matt. 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We, as ministers, need to qualify ourselves to teach the Gospel. Paul said in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

It seems that now the Church should be able to do the greatest foreign mission work it has ever done. I feel as Isaiah when he said (in chapter 60:9), "Surely the isles shall wait for me." Let us read Isaiah 60: 4, 5, "Lift up thine eyes round about, and

see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," Psalm 2:8. I am sure many of us have had the call, but have failed God in our calling, then we ask God why miracles are not performed through us as they were when we started in the ministry.

We find that God called Jonah to go to Nineveh to cry against it because of the wickedness which had gone up before Him; but Jonah, I suppose, like some of us, felt the job was too large and he was too small, so he made up his mind to go down to Tarshish instead of Nineveh. I wonder if some of us are where God wants us and could use us the most sometimes. We want to notice what happened to Jonah because of his disobedience to God. The Bible says the wind came upon the sea and was so great against the ship that it was about to break, and those on the ship were afraid. After awhile the shipmaster went down on the side of the ship where Jonah was asleep and cried out, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise." After they had cast lots and it fell upon Jonah, they said to him, Whose cause is this evil upon us; what is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? Jonah replied, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven. He wanted me to go to Nineveh and I went down to

Joppa and paid my fair to Tarshish. Then said they unto him, "What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm?" And he said, "Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea." So they took Jonah and cast him forth into the sea and the sea ceased from its raging, but that did not save Jonah. God prepared a fish to swallow him and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and nights. Then Jonah began to pray and repent. God heard Jonah's prayer and the fish vomited him out on dry land. Then the Word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time and told him to arise and go to Nineveh. Jonah got busy and in one day made his way to Nineveh (at normal walking it took three days to make the journey).

Isaiah wasn't willing to obey God until the coal of fire was put to his lips and then he said, "Here am I, send me." Lord, help us to be as Isaiah. The apostle Paul said, "We unto me if I preach not the gospel." "No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," Matt. 9:37, 38. Souls are dying, dying without God.

State Overseer  
Kingston, Jamaica  
February 15, 1949

Dear Brother Walker:

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping of our revival at Jordan Road. In twelve nights, over 1,900 came forward for salvation. I have seen the blind definitely receive their sight, deaf mutes hear and speak, the lame walk, and all manner of diseases cured through the prayer of faith and people believing God's Word.

Brother, you know me well enough that I am not carried away by just anybody or anything that comes along. This is of God and was sent to us. Our hearts surely ached when we saw the hundreds turned away each night. A large hall was rented in town, and one night I am sure there were 500 on the streets who couldn't get in. The evangelist, Brother T. Osborne, of Tulsa, Okla., had service inside and then went out on the street to minister to the sick, the lame, the blind, and the dumb who were waiting from five o'clock in the afternoon until the service was over around ten at night.

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# REVIVALS

**SMITHSBURG, Md.**—The Mount Pleasant Church has just closed a revival in which seven souls were saved. Rev. J. T. Baynard, of Preston, Md., was the evangelist. He did some old time gospel preaching. The church was greatly blessed, and we feel that there has been lasting good done by these services. The revival spirit continues, and two more souls have been saved. We appreciate our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister B. E. Baynard, who take such an interest in our young people. We are glad to report that the church is really moving on for God.—Ruth Harne, Reporter.

**THOMASTON, Ga.**—We have just closed a good revival, with the Rev. J. E. Holloway as the evangelist. Reverend Holloway is a great preacher who really has a burden and vision for lost souls. There were twenty-two saved, twelve sanctified, and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. We really praise God for this, but we are expecting Him to do even greater things for us in the future.—Thelma Gresham.

The North Cleveland, Tenn., Church of God recently closed a great revival, which ran four weeks. Sixty-five were saved, fifty-two sanctified, fifty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-two added to the church, and twenty-two baptized in water. Some say this was the greatest revival they had had in a number of years. In one service, Saturday night, February 5, nine prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The power of the Holy Ghost was present in every service in such a great way that Rev. Lindsay F. Pratt, the evangelist, preached only twice in the second week of the meeting. Some were slain under the power, and others came running down the aisle to the altar.

One Sunday morning, our service was dedicated as a healing service. A number were healed. One lady, on her way to the hospital for a serious operation, came by the church and was gloriously healed. Rev. R. C. Cook, pastor, spoke on the subject, "Does God Heal Today?"

The entire morning service of the North Cleveland Church is broadcast each Sunday morning.

Brother Pratt was delivered from

the penitentiary. He was saved through the testimony of a young lady. She was with a band of Christian workers who conducted a service at the prison. Brother Pratt told his life story to the largest crowd in the history of this church. He tells his story to prove the saving power of God. Many souls were touched and influenced to seek God through this testimony.—R. C. Cook, Pastor.

## Good News from One of Our Neighbour Pentecostal Denominations

The spiritual tide is always high in a Pentecostal Bible school, but the revival that recently came to Central Bible Institute, in Springfield, Mo., has been unusual in its power and victory.

Central Bible Institute, one of the principal Bible schools of the Assemblies of God organization, has had many outstanding speakers and guest evangelists in past years, but it was a returned missionary and graduate student, who is taking classes in post-graduate work, who was used to spark this outpouring. At the conclusion of a message on the need of a transformed mind, a spirit of prayer and worship seized the students. The pressure of the Spirit of God was so great upon every one that the routine of school life was gloriously interrupted. All classes were swallowed up in a large class of spiritual instruction by the Holy Spirit in the chapel where over 600 students remained for hours, even forgetting to go to the cafeteria for regular meals. Many continued praying all night, or until early in the morning.

## Easley Church Is Sixteen

Sunday, February 20, was one of the greatest days in the history of the Easley Church since it was organized in 1933. The church had been set in order several times prior to this date, only to be shortly disbanded; but following a successful revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Hanvy, the church was set in order by Rev. Zeno C. Tharp to stand, and, despite adverse conditions and circumstances, grow and prosper.

The writer was its first pastor, and sailing was indeed anything but fast, smooth, and pleasant much of the time; yet, there was fellowship, unity, and determination that saw the church through its first year.

Brother and Sister J. A. Hanvy and I exchanged pastorates at the beginning of the second year, with the result that they built a church, and I had the privilege of seeing seven Sunday School rooms added to the church building at Belton, S. C.

Following Brother and Sister Hanvy, as best I remember, were Brothers and Sisters B. J. Hillhouse, R. S. Barnes, J. H. Powell, and J. W. Watkins who, I think, added the first Sunday School addition. Succeeding Brother Watkins was G. C. Timmerman, the present pastor, who has led the church in its successful efforts in building one of the most modern and beautiful brick parsonages I have ever seen.

The services, morning and afternoon, were well attended, and the congregation responded with a \$600 cash offering on the parsonage. Since the Assembly, the pastor and members have been made happy by the spiritual progress of the church, in realizing forty-six additions to the membership.

I am sure it is as easy for you to realize that it was indeed a happy privilege which I had to be with and speak to the members of yesteryears and those who have united since 1933. God grant them continued success.—J.D.B.

## ANNUAL HOME-COMING AND SINGING JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA, CHURCH OF GOD

April 10, 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Guest speakers from Headquarters will be with us throughout the day. Rev. R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer, will speak at 11 a.m.; Rev. J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief of Church publications, at 2:30 p.m.; and Rev. A. M. Phillips, Business Manager of the Church of God Publishing House, at 8 p.m.

A revival begins that night with the pastor, Howard D. Statum, doing the preaching. The Jacksonville Trio and others will render special singing each evening. The public is cordially invited. Services each evening at 7 p.m.

# The Motive of thinn

Texts: "I seek not yours, but you," 2 Cor. 12:14.

"They . . . first gave their own selves to the Lord," 2 Cor. 8:5.

As Paul invited the Corinthians (1 Cor. 11:1) to follow him as he followed Christ, so does he challenge every minister of the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus to follow his motives, plans, purposes, reasons, and aspiration in preaching to the saint and sinner alike.

If you have noticed carefully, you have found two definite declarations in the first text—(1) negative, "I seek not your's"; (2) positive, "but you"—but I seek you.

The negative statement is defensive. It was made to allay misapprehension on the part of that element of the Corinthians who had formed the opinion that Paul was in the ministry "for what he could get out of it." "Self-aggrandizement was his aim, and that at the expense of others" no doubt was being rumored against him.

Paul had not robbed; he had taken only that which was his. He had not made himself burdensome; it was only natural and just that he receive of them carnal and temporal things in return for the spiritual things he had given them. Paul was not defending himself alone. There were other ministers whose hands had not been tarnished with filthy lucre; yet he knew full well there were the Nicolaitans, the Diotrefeses, and the Judases, who were money-hounds and fortune-grabbers. That is the reason he condemned greed for filthy lucre, love of money, and merchandizers of the gospel.

It is lamentable that there are thousands of preachers today who fill their pulpits and conduct both evangelistic and pastoral work from the thought of routine profession. It is a trade with them. They are in it for the salary it affords. The occupation is purely mercenary, heartless, spiritless, soulless, and passionless.

But, thank God, there are those honest-hearted, Spirit-filled, God-called preachers who make preaching their first, second, and last aim, thought, and delight. Their ministry is given unreservedly to the cause, and

they feel that the divinely ordained effect—result—will be "they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel."

First, then, a minister of the gospel is not to seek a person for a share or cut of his bank account. "But," you say, "here we are a struggling membership, skimping, saving, begging, working, and praying for money to build a church, or pay a debt, or equip the church and parsonage with furniture. Why not touch him up?—be especially nice to him?" That is all right if you have the interest of his *soul* at heart, first! One thing certain, if you are a minister with the right motive, the financial concern will be secondary.

Did you ever sit with a minister and have him say, "Do you see that businesslike man and aristocratic woman sitting back there? Well, they are not members or Christians, but they give ten, twenty-five, and one hundred dollars at a clip. We couldn't get along without them." And did you not think, "Well, what a pity it will be if that couple goes to hell from this church they have invested in without spiritual returns?" Did you? It should not be his offerings first, but his *soul*!

The tithing system is the perfect and divine financial method of supporting the church, and any pastor who would fail to show gratitude toward his tithing members or friends would be very unworthy of such support. However, for a pastor or evangelist to stage a campaign or do personal back-patting or house-to-house canvassing to get people into the church, with the predominant thought in mind that they will be strong, regular financiers of the church, is doing them, as well as the church, an injustice. Who knows but what they will become so adjusted and complacent, because of the recognition accorded them, that they will slip right into hell from the membership of the church? It should be "I seek not your tithes but *you*," and *you* here is equivalent to *soul*.

Although the modern churches have become rich and increased with goods, the members and friends know that it has been at their expense, and thousands have not the least bit of

confidence in their pastor's church's spirituality. This must happen to Pentecostals—it must. But, like cause brings like effect. We are a long way from the poverty-stricken conditions our denominations had their inceptions, nursing, and tutelage in. Let us take heed that we love souls first and seek silver last lest we lose our love.

Again, it is not mere friendship we are to seek, but the soul-saving of the person through a faithful, prayerful, and friendly approach. If you win the *soul*, you have the person's hearty friendship. Do I know? Yes, and you do, too. It might have been a humble minister who won you to Christ Jesus, but that person is one of the greatest persons in the universe, to you. If you were not married at your conversion, when you got married he was the only person to "tie the knot." It was that person you wanted to baptize you. It was that preacher who received you into the church fellowship, and if he is alive when you die, and your wishes are carried out, he will be the one to intone, "Inasmuch as it has pleased the almighty God, in His wise providence, to take from our midst our brother (or sister) . . . when the Lord in Christ shall rise to meet the dead in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Is it worth while? Is it lasting? Is it better than the friendship of the world and the world? A thousand times ten thousand, yes! So, let your motive for seeking friendship be winning the prospective friend's soul to and for Christ Jesus.

There are no "nobodies" in the true minister's congregation or field of activity. The matter of social equality is forgotten. It is of no concern whether the person is from Pike's Peak or Pumpkin Center, from the North or the South, above or below the Mason and Dixon Line, east or the west of the Continental Divide, or whether dressed in silk or satin, overalls or broadcloth. You, the minister of Jesus Christ, are to think of the "wherefroms" and the "wherewithals" only after every thought and effort has been spent in getting that



# Minister's Message

individual or congregation to hear and accept the appeal of Christ Jesus. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," is your message to them.

Ah, what a work! Talk about new preachers and good neighbors, it is the ministers of Jesus Christ who are, in the loftiest and noblest sense of the term, *new dealers* and good neighbors. It is they who in times of physical, mental, and spiritual distress have been commissioned, authorized, yea, empowered, to give healing and comfort, and pass out to the hungry multitudes the God-blessed "bread of life," for is He not still saying to us, "Give ye them to eat" and "Freely ye have received, freely give"? After all, we are not seeking to be recipients but benefactors; not to receive but to give!

We should seek to find, and finding, we should say, like Philip, "Come and see." The Samaritan woman said, "Come see a man"—"the Man Christ Jesus." We should take men and women to Jesus for discipleship as Andrew did Peter. When we find the sick, helpless, and needy, we should do as did the four men who carried the paralytic to Jesus, and let him down through the roof to receive healing for soul and body. All of these were not concerned with what they could get from the persons they were helping, or how they might be benefited by them; but rather, what they could do by way of getting them to Jesus.

O brethren, that is the thing! That should be our all-consuming passion. We must feel that the life, peace and happiness of saint and sinner alike, about us, depends much on our manner of serving them as ministers called and commissioned by the Lord Jesus to maintain the sheep in the fold, seek and recover those gone astray. We must ever be cognizant of our indebtedness to all men, Christian and non-Christian. In that frame of mind, one is ready to preach at home or abroad, to a congregation in an atmosphere made heavenly by prayer, testimonies, song, and music, or to the individual on the train, bus, plane, or in the roaring factory. The unselfish, wholehearted minister proclaims

with Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," Rom. 1:16. The mission of Christ Jesus focused about Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." This should be the force and purpose of our ministry, also.

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## THE TRUE GREATNESS

By Elva Horsman

I have thought about greatness—  
How fine it would be  
To gain some great laurel  
For all men to see;  
To rise to the peak  
Of success and of fame;  
To excel everyone  
In life's thrilling game;  
To write some great book  
In fine words expressed;  
To thrill and to charm,  
If this be my quest;  
To climb to fame's heights,  
Looking down on all men,  
Seeking and striving,  
Their honor to win;  
But would this bring joy  
Contentment or peace?  
Would the striving and longing,  
And seeking e'er cease?  
Are not duties so small  
We scorn them to see,  
The work that will bring  
Life's real pleasures to me?  
For those who have lifted  
My heart from deep gloom,  
Are the simple and lowly  
For whom fame had no room;  
And then when it seemed  
That life was all wrong,  
Kind hands were outstretched  
To help keep me strong;  
For small deeds of kindness,  
That are given in love,  
Make life worth the living,  
Winning fame from above!

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The last text, "They . . . first gave their own selves to the Lord," 2 Cor. 8:5.

What does it mean? It simply means that when a person has been won to a soul-felt experience and relationship with Christ Jesus, God and the Church have him and all he is and has as long as he lives and keeps his soul surrendered to God's will. He is now living. Rom. 12:1, 2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your

bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

The factor in the apostolic church that spelled success and growth despite persecution and martyrdom was that the church was unconditionally God's; the members were all of one mind and in full accord. That is, the apostolic church was an all-out church for Christ Jesus. They had Christ Jesus, and Christ Jesus had them. They loved Him, and He loved them, and *they loved each other*.

I do not want to make you lose your breath by such a sudden, terrific trip back through the centuries, but do you know how the Tabernacle was made possible in the wilderness? I will tell you. The people belonged to God, and, therefore, all they had—wool, linen, cloth, gold, silver, brass, time, energy, brain—oh well, they and their all belonged to God. God and Moses had succeeded in getting the people first, then they gave willingly of their means. All they had was given gladly, yet, they still had it, *with God's blessings upon it*.

That is the perfect analogy of the New Testament church. Jesus first won the hearts and souls of the twelve, seventy, and one hundred and twenty; then they and all they had were His and securely in His Church, with no thought of how much each other possessed, but how much the Church of the living God had because of their investments in it.

The conclusion is this: Ministers, if the motive for our messages is to win the lost to Christ Jesus, the result will be financial, numerical, and social support, plus spiritual help. That is the kind of friendship, fellowship, *membership*, and Church that endures. So, my fellow ministers, as we look to see "they first gave their own selves to the Lord" practiced by our good laymen, may we keep in mind that they and the world are observing us to see if we are practicing "I seek not your's but you."—J. D. Bright.

# Revivals...

**SPARTANBURG, S. C.**—We are praising God for the greatest revival the Saxon Church of God has ever had. Many souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-two were added to the church. The power of God was present in every service, and people were slain under the mighty power of God, while sinners and believers prayed through to old time Pentecost. Many were healed. Brother and Sister Alton Edenfield were the evangelists. I don't think I have ever heard greater preaching and singing. We thank God for an evangelist who is not afraid to preach the old time gospel and who is not afraid to let the power of God be demonstrated. This revival is not over, as the church is still shouting the victory. We feel as Nehemiah did, "We are doing a great work, and we won't come down." "On to higher heights and deeper depths" is our goal. Also, we thank God for our pastor, Brother C. W. Barnes. He, too, is not afraid to preach the true Word of God. With such a leader and shepherd, we are sure to win in every battle.—Louise Brewer.

**MONTEVALLO, Ala.**—We are praising God for the great revival we have just closed here, with Brother E. J. Orange, of Clanton, Ala. doing the preaching. Six were saved, six sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost. The saints were greatly revived. Prior to the revival, seven were added to the church. We are now in a building program. The new church will be a structure of concrete blocks, 32 feet by 52 feet. Pray that God will continue to bless our efforts.—Wm. A. Grant.

**HAMILTON, Ohio**—Greatest revival in the history of Hamilton, Ohio, church. Meeting now in tenth week; greatest crowds attending and altar filled. Forty-eight members added to church, increasing our membership to almost 400. Rev. Fatie C. Atkinson is our evangelist.—Shelton G. Brock, Pastor.

**OVERTON, Ala.**—We have indeed had a wonderful revival, and the church has been blessed in a great

way. I feel that it was a blessing to the church and community that will not be forgotten. We have only a very small building in which to worship, and our membership was twenty before the revival started. We had a good congregation each service, and the Lord was present in a wonderful way. There were seven saved, five sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. We feel that we were fortunate in having Brother Jack Dudley as the evangelist. He is a man of God and has the old time power and fire of the Holy Ghost in his soul. The Lord blessed him and gave him a wonderful message each night. We are thanking God for letting Brother Dudley come our way.—Cora McCombs, Clerk.

**YORK, S. C.**—The Church of God here is now in the greatest revival it has had since being organized over thirteen years ago. So far, there have been thirty-five definite experiences. The city of York is being stirred by the power of God, resulting in the greatest crowds the church has ever had. Brother and Sister T. W. Day are the evangelists, and they are proving a great blessing to our church and community. They are excellent musicians, and Brother Day is an outstanding preacher.

We appreciate our good pastor and his family, Brother Charlie Williamson, and the work he is doing here. Pray that God will continue to bless our church.—Henry Ramsey, Clerk.

**JAMBOREE, Ky.**—We have just closed a revival here, conducted by Rev. Eliza Mays. The Lord surely did bless. There were fourteen saved, twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church. The church is on fire for God. We recommend Sister Mays for any church that needs a revival, for she is a real blessing.—O. A. Stump, Pastor.

**NINETY SIX, S. C.**—I am glad to report victory in a revival here. The Lord blessed in every service. A number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was

conducted by the writer. There were healing services almost every night and the Lord blessed in a marvelous way. Brother J. T. Duckett is the pastor there.—Myrtle Whitehead, Elmwell, Ga.

**BELMONT, N. C.**—We are in a wonderful revival, conducted by Evangelist T. W. Day. Rev. W. M. Stallings is the pastor. A number have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our church is making the upward move for God.—M. B. Robertson.

**MULGA, Ala.**—We are praising God for a wonderful revival now in progress. Baptists, Catholics, and others are being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. This revival will never be forgotten. Sister Mable Branch is the evangelist. Rev. F. Sides is our pastor.—Luther Connors.

**TABOR, Ala.**—Praise God for a revival which lasted two weeks and was conducted by Rev. Bill Smith, of Gadsden, Ala., and Rev. Tom Brooks, of Alabama City. A number were saved, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. We had the Lord's Supper and were washing the last night, and God surely did bless.—Mrs. Bessie Wood.

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.**—The Church of God here has just closed one of the best revivals they have ever had. Brother and Mrs. Paul S. Shoemaker came here January 2 to begin a revival, but the revival was already here. The Lord blessed from the first service to the last. There were seventeen saved, fourteen sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized with water, and eleven added to the church. Brother and Sister Shoemaker are wonderful workers for the Lord and were able, through the anointing of the Holy Ghost, to sing and preach the gospel. Many souls were touched and brought to God through their singing. Any pastor would do well to get this good, consecrated couple for a revival in your church.

We came here in September and found some of the best people on earth with whom to work. They were loyal and so willing to work with their pastor in every way. We appreciate each member and ask God to bless every one of them. Pray for us that we will be to our people what a pastor should be.—David B. Price, Pastor, Route 2, Box 188.

# LIVING EPISTLES

By James O. Campbell

Cor. 3:1-3, "Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

We wish to note that the word "epistle" means a letter. Paul begins explaining in the lesson before us that this is not an ordinary letter. He states that he does not need a letter of commendation, because the church at Corinth is very well acquainted with him and he is very well known by this name as an apostle and missionary. He states further that the letter about which he wants to talk wasn't written with pen and ink. He could have said, "These thirteen Pauline epistles were written with pen and ink, but I want to talk about a letter that cannot be written that way." He also says, "This letter is written with the Spirit of the living God." Naturally, the church at Corinth would then think of how the law was written on tables of stone. Paul said he, "Not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart," and for example, "Ye are our epistle

written in our hearts."

Even though this is not an ordinary letter, it bears some characteristics of an ordinary letter. First, it must be written on good paper. It would be out of the question to think of writing a good letter on sorry paper. A do-better sheet or reform piece of paper won't work. So many are trying to change their ways of living these days without having a change of heart. It takes a change of heart, or the new birth, before anyone can have a good sheet of paper on which to write.

Second, the words must be written plainly and properly spelled. It would also add to its beauty to use good English in writing. The writer of this letter certainly does not want to be misunderstood. It is, therefore, necessary that his life be written according to the pattern "shown him in the mount."

Third, this letter must not have any blots or anything in it which would detract the attention of the reader from the message. So let us who profess the name of Christ be very careful that our lives are not filled with so many spiritual blots that the world cannot see Jesus in our daily walk.

Fourth, sometimes when we get a letter from a special friend, we can

read between the lines. Well, that certainly is true of this letter. The world can read our epistle between the lines. Since this letter is going to be read by all classes of people, surely it is necessary to write it so it may be "read and known of all men."

Let us notice the statement in our lesson, "Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ." The first verses of our lesson might seem to be saying that we are the epistle of the preacher, to be a commendation of his apostleship to others, and I think that is the substance of these verses, but we see we are not just the letter of our pastor, but we are the epistle of Christ. If we should decide that we were not going to care whether we wrote a good letter or not, we would not only let our preacher down, but would let the cause of Christ down. The poor old sinner who was looking on the pages of our life for a good letter to guide him homeward would lose his way. Possibly that young Christian who was looking toward us to lead him into a deeper life with God would be influenced in the wrong direction. God help us to be written with "the Spirit of the living God," and then those who are looking to us for guidance will see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

## The Price of True Joy

By Mrs. Sarah Chasteau Pilgrim

While reading in Psalm 16 the words of David, where he said, speaking of himself, "In thy presence is fulness of joy," another scripture came to my mind, "The joy of the Lord shall be our strength."

How true this is if we only can truly grasp the meaning of these precious and wonderful words. Everyone wants to be happy, and these words have helped me so many times. If my anxiety was running low, I would ask God to search my heart and let me know why I didn't feel so good in my soul. The answer usually came—disobedience; failing to pray in time as the Spirit bade me, or neglect otherwise. We cannot be happy or a good, strong, Christian soldier either and be dis-

obedient. Whether our act be in failing to move in the services, testify, sing or shout, we at least are refusing to be led by the Spirit of God and quenching His Spirit within ourselves.

One scripture says it is the "little foxes that spoil the vines." We are prone to magnify some sins above others. A sin by either omission or commission, regardless of kind or seeming size, can result in only one thing—lack of joy and favor with God. By this we shut ourselves away from the presence of God, "in which there is fulness of joy." If we would be happy, we must obey the Spirit of God. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

In Acts we see where Jesus tells

them to "wait for the promise of the Father," and in Luke 24:49, He says, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." I would like to stress the words *tarry until*. "To tarry" means to wait, and "until" designates no set time, but means to hold on until desired results are obtained. Too often many of us have gone to an altar seeking a blessing from God, only to leave after a short time without having our souls satisfied. I recall when I was tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost how the saints would tell me to praise the Lord and maybe say Glory to God.

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# ... State Activities ...

## MISSISSIPPI L.W.W.B. COLUMN



MRS. JOHN L. BYRD,  
STATE PRESIDENT

I should be so happy if I could visit with each band personally but, as you know, a mother with children in school can not get away at will. However, I am looking forward to the time when I shall be privileged to meet with you.

Here are some reports from a few of our Bands:

Jackson—January, \$22.87; February, \$53.70.

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Starkville—January, \$22.56; February, \$97.91.

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West Point—January, \$64.27.

Wesley Chapel—January, \$15.00; February, \$17.15.

Oak Grove—January, \$22.00.

Oak Ridge—January, \$29.25.

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### KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Coffeyville District	April 14-15
Fredonia District	April 21-22
Kansas City District	April 28-29
Pittsburg District	May 5-6
South Wichita	May 12-13
Wichita	May 19-20

The Thursday and Friday services will be the youth convention. Saturday and Sunday night will be the church work.

### Camp Meeting and Convention, June 28 to July 4

Make your plans now to attend each of these meetings.

### ANNOUNCING MISSOURI DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

DISTRICTS	PLACES	TIME
Caruthersville	Caruthersville	March 25, 26, 27
Lead Belt	Cantwell	April 1, 2, 3
St. Louis	Vista Avenue	April 8, 9, 10
Springfield	Joplin	April 15, 16, 17
Chillicothe	N. St. Joseph	April 22, 23, 24

Attention, pastors: Start now, raising Mission and Orphanage money for your district conventions. Rev. Harold Moore and his church at North St. Joseph led the State last year in the mission offering for their district convention. Who will win this time on your district.—Wilma Henry, Overseer.

### CAMP MEETING

Will convene at Appleton, Maine, July 15-24, the first three days being dedicated to our young people. Let us begin planning at once to attend. Be sure to secure your room in advance, as I am not holding any rooms for anyone unless it is requested.—J. B. Camp, State Overseer.

# Oh, Praise the Lord

**STARKVILLE, Miss.**—I praise my Lord this morning for keeping and leading me in the path of righteousness. I praise His name for healing me of T. B. I promised the Lord if He would heal me and bring me back home to my parents, I would tell everyone of His wonderful healing power.—Miss Jean Rushing.

**ERWIN, N. C.**—I praise and honor the Lord today for what He means to me. I'm so glad we can call on Him in a time of need, praise His name. I thank Him for saving my soul and giving me the sweet Holy Ghost. Words could never express the joy of serving Jesus. He's blessed our home so many times. I thank Him for the way He has blessed our children. He has touched their bodies many times. Pray for my husband and me that we may do the will of Jesus and be ready to go when He comes or calls.—Mrs. W. E. Spell.

**TALLAPOOSA, Ga.**—I know God can heal because several months ago my baby had a high temperature and I prayed for him and the Lord healed him. My little girl was sick and I had to sit up with her most of the night. The next morning I called Sister Mildred Griffin and asked her to pray for her and in less than thirty minutes she was playing. At another time my baby broke out with something like the measles and Sister Griffin came to see me and prayed for him and he was healed. I also received the Holy Ghost that day and I am still thanking God for it. If God be for us who can be against us.—Mrs. Elouise Williams.

**WILLISTON, Fla.**—I promised the Lord if He would heal my little grandson, I would testify of it through the *Evangel*. A few days ago he was real sick, could not retain much milk, and was getting weak, being only a few weeks old. I felt very uneasy about him and began praying for God to heal his body. In just a short time he was much better and is doing fine now. Praise the name of Jesus! —Mrs. Josie M. Jerrel.

**TALKING ROCK, Ga.**—Just a few lines to say I was healed of T. B. when Brother Rouse prayed for me. I had been in bed for fourteen months and would still be in bed had not the Lord healed me. I am doing all my work, even canning, and looking after 1,000 chickens. Thank God I am a well woman tonight.—Mrs. Dyar O. Willis.

**SALEM, W. Va.**—I give a delayed testimony of the great healing power of God. I had gallstone attacks until I would think I could never be able to stand another one. I called on Brother Clyde Atkins and Brother V. Thomas to pray for me. The Lord healed me. That was about two years ago. Please pray for my unsaved husband.—Gemilla Wilson.

**MT. PARK, Okla.**—I have been thinking of the many wonderful things Jesus has done for me and mine, and this good old time salvation that keeps us free from sin. Praise God, I'd rather have Jesus than anything I know. I know my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. I want to be among the number when the saints go marching in.—Mary Lemaster.

**FRAZIERS BOTTOM, W. Va.**—I praise God for His healing power. A few weeks ago I had a terrible hurting in my lungs. I did not call a doctor but went to the Divine Healer. I told Him that if He would heal me, I would testify of it through the *Evangel*. I really praise God that the pain is gone. I desire an interest in prayer that I may be more like my Saviour.—Mrs. J. L. Criner.

**MARIANNA, Fla.**—"And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her (them)," Ruth 2:16.

My two little boys went with pails to gather nuts. As they began to pick the nuts up another little boy came up with a rope, striking at them and forbidding them to get the nuts. They took up their buckets and came home very much disappointed. This made my heart sad, and I couldn't help but cry. I remembered God's Word standeth sure, and that He had said, "All

things work together for good to them that love God," Romans 8:28. The incident passed by. Exactly eight days later, a south east wind began to blow and filled the street with nuts from corner to corner. The street on which we live is right across from the trees with the nuts. They gathered seventy-four pounds, even more than they hoped for. He can work and no man can hinder.—Ruby Davis.

**NEUNAN, Ga.**—I praise God for healing my baby. Nothing we did seemed to help her until we went to the Lord in prayer. One Sunday night at church, as we were praying for her, I promised the Lord I would testify to it in the *Evangel* if He would heal her. From that time on she continued to get better. My wife and I both have the Holy Ghost. Pray that we shall always do God's will.—Delbert Freeman.

**TOCCOA, Ga.**—I do praise God for His goodness to me, for the way He heard and answered prayer. I was almost sinking in despair but God in His great love and for Christ's sake heard my cries and came to my rescue. It seemed my burdens and trials were so great that I could go no farther, but I praise God for delivering me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost. Please pray for me that I'll have more overcoming grace and be ready when our Lord shall come.—Mrs. G. W. Price.

**BATON ROUGE, La.**—I praise God for healing two of my children. They were anointed by our beloved pastor, Brother Thomas Shoemaker, and prayer was continued at home and at church until they were completely healed. Pray for us to always keep faith and trust God with our bodies as well as for our soul's salvation. We have seven children and have trusted God with all of them. My desire is to trust God until I cross over to life's other side.—Mrs. Gladys Crawford.

**KINARD, Fla.**—Many people say that God doesn't heal any more, but I am glad to praise God for His healing power. The Lord wonderfully healed me of ulcerated stomach in 1944. I had suffered a number of years of tonsillitis and God completely healed me of that this past November. Nothing is too hard for God.—Marie Tharp.

# Preaching Is the Declaration of Truth

By REV. THOMAS F. WHITE

Preaching is the proclamation of good news, of salvation through man to men, as the truth has been revealed to men from God, in Christ Jesus.

We shall use the word "truth" and see what we can find among the truths of God's great Word.

First, truth is exactness; correctness; that which conforms to facts or reality. We believe the Word of God to be truth. The Word says in John 5: 39 to "search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

There are many today who never seem to care what the rules of the Church of God are; I mean Church of God people. No matter how much, how sound, how firmly the Church stands, or how much the Bible says in its truths against certain things, they persist in doing them. Many will say, "I have never seen anything in the Bible about Church Minutes." I wonder if we are willing to search the Word for its truths. The Word says "ye think ye have eternal life," leaving the inference that you don't have it now, and there is a possibility you will never get it. We see there is a part for us all to do, and that is to search, seek, want, and have a desire for. Can't you see Jesus wanted us to seek for the truth of God's Word, that part which God has revealed to man by Christ Jesus? Solomon said in Proverbs 23:10, "Remove not the old landmark." Many will say that we are not living in the day of Solomon, we are living in a new age with new surroundings. Men and women can do many things today which people could not do in Solomon's day. I ask you, is God a changable God? No, sin is still sin in His sight.

In Malachi 3:6, He says, "I am the Lord, and I change not." At this time the world was about to go through four hundred years of spiritual darkness. The Lord wanted the people to know He would have some holy people who would live true in all ages, some who would keep His commandments.

We find in Romans 7:12 that His commandments are holy, just and good. In Numbers 16:3, we find all the congregation was holy whom God had brought from Egypt, but we see some who wanted to run things their way—

church trouble among God's people; we also see God separating the holy from the wicked by opening the earth and dropping some into the pit, (Numbers 16:30).

Some will say, "I don't believe in turning anyone out of the church." God did. It looks as if God meant to have a clean, holy church. He separated the good from the wicked, and I am sure all who change the principles from the truth of the foundation upon which the Church of God was founded will soon come to a bad end, as Dathan and Abiram did. Moses said, "Even tomorrow the Lord will shew who are his, and who is holy," Numbers 16:5.

Remember, there is soon coming a separating day; the same God is going to set His people away from the wicked forever. Which side are you on? Moses told the people of God to get from among "these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins," Numbers 16:26.

We must keep ourselves from the sins of this world, else we will be consumed with the devil and all ungodly men and women when the great separation day comes. Too many people don't want to abide by the Minutes and the teachings of the Church; they want to live as they please (that is like the devil), dress just like the world and go to everything sinful—and still remain in the Church. Then when some good pastor tries to help them pray through and get back in favor with God so he won't have to disfellowship them from the Church, some half backslidden member, who hasn't felt the Spirit of God in months, will say, "I just don't believe it is wrong to wear this or that, or to go to that." It makes no difference what you think; God said not to remove the old landmarks. We believe the men who first started the Church of God were filled with the Holy Ghost and dedicated to God, and God has blessed their work. May we, as Church of God people, stay on the foundation of truth so that we will continue to win the lost, ungodly, dying, judgment bound world to Christ and for the Church of God until Christ comes or calls His chosen ones out.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth,

and the life," John 14:6. Yes, I am sure Jesus is the way of holiness which way is free to all who will believe His truths. The truth is that the world which the world is so hungry for, which has been revealed to men from God in Christ Jesus. May God give men who will preach the truth of God's Word.

We see the twelve and seventy whom Jesus sent out returning rejoicing. Jesus said (Luke 10:20) their names are written in heaven. This shows any reasonable minded person that they had gained favor with Jesus and His Father.

Jesus said to His Father, "I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always." John 11:41, 42. I wonder who has the authority to say this is not the truth. I am sure Jesus never asked His Father for one thing which God refused to give Him. In John 17:12 Jesus said He had kept these same men from the world. This is more than many of our people who claim having the Holy Ghost is doing. To me they have been saved and were willing to follow Jesus. The world hated them (verse 14). Now, Father, I want you to give them something more than they have. I want you to make them stronger that they may be able to stand after I am gone, as He knew He soon was going back to His Father. It seems I can hear Jesus as He says, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," John 17:17.

Can we even dare say they did not receive that for which Jesus asked His Father, when Jesus Himself said, "I knew that thou hearest me always"? Can we say God heard Jesus every time He asked Him until He asked for the disciples to be sanctified, then He turned and would not answer His only Son when He prayed? No, a thousand times no! God heard His Son and His prayer was answered.

In Luke 24:50 Jesus knew it was time for Him to leave the world, so He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifted up His hands and blessed them. They received something. Some will say they did not get sanctified then, but I want you to tell me what it was that they received then. Jesus made it plain to them that they were ready for something



more now. He told them to go to Jerusalem and wait, or tarry, until they would receive something which the Father had promised. We find them all waiting in one accord. Fellowship and true love was among them as they waited. A foundation in the truth of God's Word will stand and this is what has been revealed that men from God through Christ Jesus.

## THE PRICE OF TRUE JOY

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The devil right there would cause a spirit of perversity within me. Had I submitted my own will, I would have received the experience sooner. When my heart finally became so hungry for a closer walk with God, I became obedient and praised God from my heart and in every way the Spirit had me do. My mind was so made up to stay until the blessing I desired came, that I had no idea of stopping until results were obtained. I thank God for the devil-defying determination God gave me that night. He hid me away with Christ in Him and when I realized it, I was praising God, not in our language but in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I again thank God that in His presence is fulness of joy," joy of which the world knows nothing but of which we are partakers one with another, joy about which we try to tell sinners so that they may enjoy it too.

By tarrying, we received power for service, a Comforter and teacher of the Scriptures; power to overcome the tricks of the devil; power to do the only thing the devil can't do, live the Christian life daily. One-day religion is about all the devil can stand, if he makes it that long. If we obey the Lord and are led by His Spirit, we can have the "joy of the Lord," which is our strength, all the time. Strength makes it possible to endure some trials without the pastor or someone stronger than we. God help us to get prayed through whatever hinders us to the place where we can abide in the presence of the Lord, then we can be lifters, not leaners. The leaners are in the majority now.

Daily we see in the advertising section of our paper where many workers are needed in various occupations. We might advertise for Christians—workers who could stand the tests, workers who would hold on when the battle is hot; workers who would pray on when worn and sick in body. How we

need to grow up spiritually where we can carry our part of the load. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." There is some cross-bearing in living close to God, but He has promised to go with us always, even to the end of the world, and the joy we receive here is only a foretaste of the joy that awaits us at the end of the way if we overcome.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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One woman carried her husband on her back to the meeting. He hadn't walked for years. When she arrived

at the gate, it was closed and around 500 people standing on the two streets. When she saw that she couldn't get in she climbed up the fence and managed to put her husband on the other side. She then climbed over herself and picked up her husband, put him on her back again, and carried him to the platform. After he was prayed for, he walked away on his own feet, without any help and praising God. I suppose I could write a book about all that took place in this meeting.

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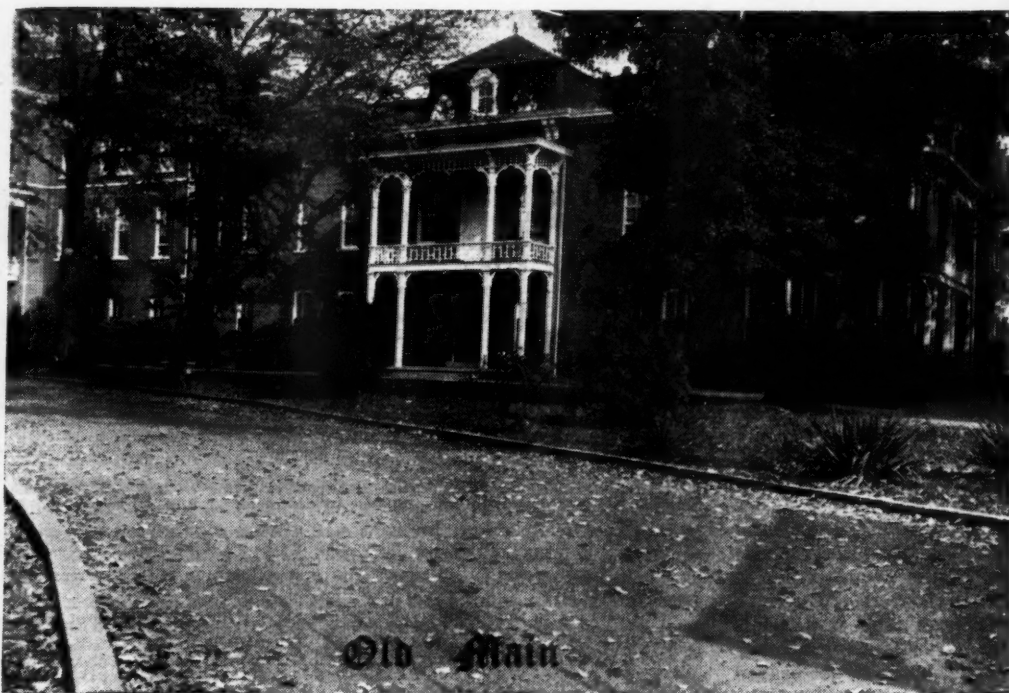
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